Personal Recollections of the Great Rebellion by a Man on the Inside.

BY A NATIVE VIRGINIAN.

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part of Augusta County, Va. 1 propose hands much nearer home than Washington. to take the reader with me, with his or her consent, and show the home of Mr. Todd, used to show Uncle Jimmy that he might

love for s flag.

and recall the name of Uncle Jimmy Todd, of White Oak Lick and Bald Mountain.

If a Union family in the valley or mountains wished to send their sons through the lines North. Uncle Jimmy was secretely visited, or a message sent him, and the matter was speedily arranged, and the young man would presently apparently disappear from the face of the earth.

But I shall not tell the story until we shall reach White Oak Lick and the great Bald Mountain in west Augusta County, Va. And now, in company, we shall begin our outing, let us say. First, we take the cars from Washington through the ancient town of Alexandria, thence to Gordonsville, where we change cars for Staunton, Va., passing the pretty town of Charlottesville, and reaching the Blue Ridge Tunnel, some 20-odd miles beyond. Here we pass slowly through the tunnel, a mile or so in length, and note on either side of the track weirdlooking watchmen with lanterns in their hands lighting up the dark and gloomy way to daylight beyond.

We soon reach the daylight again, and as we nel we are more than charmed with the surrounding scenery of

feelings the front of the village hotel.

WHITE OAK LICK.

"All aboard!" and we commence the winding and down grade to Staunton, 15 color of an Isle of Wight ham.

picturesque little mountain on which the wagons. hotel is situated, and beyond, we reach a In the Summer the family gathared through we enter the famous little circular the mountain flats near by, and sold these valley known as White Oak Lick. There to the country store, 12 miles away, and

Uncle Jimmy we shall find living, but kinds, including powder and lead. cross the prettiest little river you ever saw, and he was supplied here and there by the comfortable and substantial house of procured his ammunition for his three feetly squared logs, filled in with cement, sights, and the very best make of the huntgiving it the general appearance of a very | ing rifle, good for about 250 yards' range. solid structure, the roof and ends of As the war progressed Uncle Jimmy's good weather-boarding.

attached, was about all there was when Capt. John Avis, and later Richmond and I was last there, some years ago, except "Old Winder." yards back is a large, nicely-arranged the conscript acts that Uncle Jimmy was hunters and dead-shots who ever traversed spring house, and a magnificent spring guiding Union men and escaped Federal the North Mountain, Uncle Jimmy and his coming from a rocky spur of Bald Mount-soldiers through the lines to Cumberland, two sons, Wash and Sam Todd. Had ain. Behind the spring and spring-house Md., and New Creek Station, some 20-odd they entered they would have met three of is the Great Bald Mountain, nearly four miles west of Cumberland. miles high from the road below, and clothed

can well conceive.

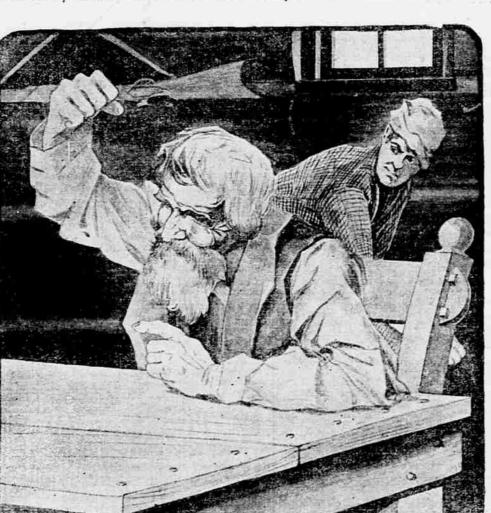
union, asserting that the United States Government had never oppressed him; that he was contented in his mountain home, with his wife and children, and gun and dogs. But, said the Secessionist. Uncle Jimmy, the Confederate Government will, sooner or later, compel you, or your solutions of the summing and "yaw" and "nix" he was excused and told by the lawyer to "stand only, and will serve forever as an eternal monument to the memory of Uncle Jimmy and "Nix," everybody laughed, then he meekly retired.

This family was perhaps the best and what to the entertainment and amusement of the public, I bid my readers all adieu.

(The end.)

I know of no more fitting or appropriate | two sons, at least, to fight for the Confedarticle with which to conclude these "recollections" than the story of my old friend, attempted to compel him or his two sons Mr. James Todd, hunter, scout, and Union to fight for the Confederacy against the man of the little settlement known as United States Government and the Stars "White Oak Lick," located in the western and Stripes would have a fight on their

his family, his surroundings, and the story become a great man by raising a regiment of his devotion to his country and his of mountaineers, and with his sons support the Confederacy. Having roamed, hunted, To his friends he was affectionately and fished all over the eastern section guard. "Dog my skin if I'm going to known as Uncle Jimmy, and there will be known as uncle Jimmy, and there will be many a heart in the mountains of Virginia. Hunt people who light the way to them-selves. And listen at them mountain would have been an invaluable aid to the lions, and they are dangerous at night, Greenland, which strikes us as so singuand even in the neighboring States, that will thrill with admiration and fond recols shots with the rifle in the North Mountain too. Let's get out of here." And they did lection when they shall read these pages Range or elsewhere, it was Uncle Jimmy "get out," and reported at Staunton to Capt.



emerge from the tur- 'Whoever attempts to compel Me and My Two Sons to Fight for the Confeder-ACY WILL HAVE A FIGHT ON THEIR HANDS MUCH NEARER HOME THAN WASHINGTON," REPLIED UNCLE JIMMY.

mountain, spur, and hillock, and with Todd and his two sons, Washington and Avis that they "searched Uncle Jimmy's assays as a searched Uncle Jimmy's as a searched the picturesque village of Wavneshora Sam Wash, as he was familiarly called, house and for miles around his house."

The next move was made by the Provost chicken legs, two rolls of bread, or biscuit.

Only some 16 years old at that period.

Guard in the daytime riding directly to the a slice of broiled mutton, and sigh for a There were two daughters, Martha and door and inquiring for Uncle Jimmy. dram of buttermilk, as we note with tender Virginia; also, a widowed daughter, the Mrs. Todd knew that he and his sons were with Uncle Jimmy.

miles away, and on arriving put up at the the little "North" contributed to their sup- let me advise you to keep far away from American Hotel, formerly owned by Dr. port. When wanting ready cash, there White Oak Lick; yet you can search the McChesney and Col. Nadenbousch. After was the finest chestnut wood in America, house for him, if you choose." They deresting all night, we take a conveyance to and the whole family would repair to the clined, and were evidently very uneasy, Stribling Springs, some 14 miles west- immense chestnut forest near by, with fearing an ambuscade. ward, and there mine host will furnish saw, ax, and other implements, and get us with a spring wagon managed by a out shingles by the thousand and ten after the most diligent search, had failed young friend and brother who is of the thousand, and sell them to Sam Cline, the to find Uncle Jimmy. Soon after these rich miller and Union friend, on the Valley events, so Mrs. Todd informed me, faces A ride of about nine miles around the pike, Cline sending for them with heavy

We know not how many of the family of store, or exchanged for goods of various

we proceed to the right 100 yards or so. Uncle Jimmy molded his own bullets, and 100 or 200 yards further, in a gentle friends with powder and caps; and it may opening, near the road, and at the very be said here that the Confederates a thou-Uncle Jimmy Todd. The first floor and rifles, as his two sons each owned a rifle, main part of the building is built of per- and all three were hair-triggers with shaded

The Confederate Government having with every variety of foliage, tree, shrub, passed laws prohibiting any and all per- an attempt was being made to assassinate and wild flower that the most active mind sons from leaving the Confederacy without him, and determined to hunt his enemies. an well conceive.

Around the base of this superlatively also prohibiting all persons from aiding or in the forest or on the roads, as everybody grand mountain there is canyon after refugees in escaping to the North, the Concanyon leading into the mountain for federate authorities now seriously turned although the country road known as the hundreds of yards, and converging towards their attention to the arrest of Uncle Jimmy Pendleton County road passed through the

and trying as the papers were rather posing as the papers were rather posing

The rumor of his death, which reached me, and other indirect information, leaves but little doubt of the news being correct; but doubtless there are many of his children, now grown and milddle-agod, who are living at the old place.

When secession was first agitated in Virginia Uncle Jimmy gave the doctrine no countenance and withheld his approval, and when the State seceded, and was drawed into the Contact of the Provost Guardof Staunton was at the American House, although some said he was a German. His wife, however, was German, and with them lived a very pretty, rosy-cheeked girl, a Swede.

The father of the baker's wife had come of his sons; but as the fight has been fully detailed in another part of these "recollections," it is not necessary to repeat it.

Uncle Jimmy was a man of medium was not supposed to speak or comprehend a dozen words of English. Of course, "Pap" did not understand English. Once and when the State seceded, and was dragged into the Confederacy, Uncle Jimmy spoke that all might hear, opposing the monstrous doctrine of a dissolution of the United States of the Courthouse at Staunton, and after saying "nein" and "yaw" and "nix" he was most dangerous. White Oak Lick is a famous locality 20-odd miles west of Staunton, Va., and derives its name from a salt spring or "lick" in the settlement saying "nein" and "yaw" and "nix" he was the bald on the summit saying "nein" and told by the lawyer to "start only and will some forward as a part of the saying and told by the lawyer to "start only and will some forward as a part of the saying and told by the lawyer to "start only and will some forward as a part of the saying and told by the lawyer to "start only and will some forward as a part of the was most dangerous. White Oak Lick is a famous locality 20-odd miles west of Staunton, Va., and derives its name from a sait spring or "lick" in the settlement of the was most dangerous. White Oak Lick is a famous locality 20-odd miles west of Staunton, Va., and derives its name from a sait spring or "lick" in the settlement of the saying "nein" and "yaw" and "nix" he was most dangerous. White Oak Lick is a famous locality 20-odd miles west of Staunton, Va., and derives its name from a sait spring or "lick" in the settlement of the was most dangerous.

n Staunton, and the fact was never sus pected by anybody. Important news was frequently carried from Staunton to White

Oak Lick by the way of Fisher's Gap and

"Come, boys," said the leader of the

eldest, and her two little boys, who lived taking a party through to Mill Creek, and also exactly when he would return. She

politely asked the guard to dist They refused, when she said: "Gentle-The little patches of farm-land, the forest, men, if you are not friends of Mr. Todd, The guard again reported that they,

were frequently seen at the windows about midnight, peering in and noting if Mr. Todd was at home. It was now surmised little fairy gap in a ridge, and passing tons of whortleberries (huckleberries) on by the family that the Confederates lay concealed near by in the mountains, thus being able to appear at his windows any are only four families occupying this little Eden, three white families and one black. And all living in perfect harmony and happy accord.

We know not how many of the family of the fa

After keeping watch two or three nights these mysterious visitors were again observed peering through the windows, when Mrs. Todd slightly raised a window and spoke, but received no answer at first: 63 foot of the Great Bald Mountain, stands sand times wondered where Uncle Jimmy then a voice replied that they had just called when passing to see if Uncle Jimmy was at home. "Well, men," she replied. "if you are our friends, and have no arms, come in; but if you are enemies, I earnestly advise you not to come."

A whispered conversation could be heard As the war progressed the shirty on the outside, and soon they were seen or the outside of the outside. they retired, for in a side room in the house stood, with their rifles resting in the hollow the dwelling house referred to. About 50 It now became positively known after of their arms, three of the most famous the flercest fighting men in America.

Uncle Jimmy was now convinced that

CHANGES IN CLIMATE.

What Prof. Hazen of the Weather Bureau Thinks About It.

larly inappropriate, was not impplicable at the time it was named, in the 14th cen-

a land of almost perpetual ice and snow, and reaching a land in the Summer with its beautiful green color to their unaccustomed eyes, would very naturally give the name of

istoric times, which changes have been stablished beyond question.

stealthy. She does not drive the rightful owners from their nests, but simply watches her opportunity to drop her eggs into them an in scarlet dress stepped out, British from forehead to foot—his excellency Lieut. Gov. Fauquier, come with his wife to grace his been on the alert while her industriots heighbors have been constructing their domiciles, and knows where every next in the vicinity is hidden. Says Ma), Chas. Bendire: 'In rare instances only will a fresh cowbird's ergs be found among incubated onces of the rightful owners. I have observed this only on a single occasion." From one to seven eggs of the parasite are found in the nests of the dupes. In most

Self Culture.

Liquid air is just what its name implies It is not a liquid distilled from some newly frequently carried from Staunton to White Oak Lick by the way of Fisher's Gap and the east entrance to the Lick in a little over two hours, that particular route being only about 17 miles, while by the ordinary road to White Oak Lick it was about 25 miles. Thus any move by the Provest Guard against him was known by Under Jimmy hours before they reached his home.

The first time a move was made against him, the guard, on arriving near his house—there were but three or four this time—noticed half a dozen mysterious lights by a path that led up to Huckleberry Hill. They stopped and examined them with awe as short time a whipper-poor-will sang shrilly up the hill, while all nature seemed utterly hushed in silence. Soon the peculiar sharp, cat-like cry of a mountain lion, a large species of wild cat, was heard up this hill in two different directions, seemingly answering cach other.

"Come, boys," said the leader of the

froze. Another Winter the River Po froze over so as to bear teams (an unheard of phenomenon te-day). In this journal it is stated that "Parnassus and Socrate, now on a plate of iron, or even a block of ice. it on a plate of iron, or even a block of ice, it will boil violently and very soon mingle with its native air. If poured out on a conductor, as iron or ice, it will assume the ascons state so rapidly as to amount to

gerated. Parmassus and Socrate have snow at times, and, in earlier days, when protection against the cold and snow was much less than now, a little snow would go a long way. The earlier voyagers from Iceland more than 1,000 years ago, leaving thand of almost perpetual ice and snow, and eaching a land in the Summer with a long way take the relation of the social state for several minutes. It will earlier to the social state for several minutes. It will earlier to the social state for several minutes. It will earlier to the social state for several minutes. It will earlier to the social state for several minutes. It will earlier to the social state for several minutes. scar living flesh like a rel-hot tron, and may take the place of all chemical canter izing in surgery. As a refrigerator, liquid air will be easily controlled and it can be made to lower the temperature of a room Greenland to it. At the Summer time, it is said that Greenland presents a most beautiful green near the Danish settlements to this day.

I am sure a careful study will show no appreciable change in the climate of this earth since the early historic times. Of course, nothing here adduced touches climatic changes in glacial times, or in prehistoric times, which changes have been established. Learning the summer time it is wery slightly or to produce a degree of cold that no life could endure for a minute. As an explosive it has certainly great power, and experiments already made in dicate that it may be used in both gunnery and blasting; and it may thus take the place of both gunpowder and dynamite.

George Washington's Wcdling.

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Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.
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The lark eyes of the comely little bride, war in China produced a high degree of national self-confidence among the Japan-grace. The cry was heard everywhere, a desired to please into the graciousness that "Japan for the Japan-grace" or result was not become manifest in a decline with the continued interruption to grace the comely little bride, the widow Cost's that was." were bright.

She greeted them with dignity, softened by a desire to please into the graciousness that "Japan for the Japan-grace" or result was not because the common of the produced a high degree of national self-confidence among the Japan-grace within.

She greeted them with dignity, softened by a desire to please into the graciousness that the continued interruption to the continued interruption t a desire to please into the cause of ground builders the cowbird seems to have little fear of overdoing her imposition. Mail Bendire says/that he once found the next of an ovenbird which contained seven cowbird's eggs and only one of the little owner's.

If parasitism were the only crime of the cowbird one would not feelso much disposed to put her into the avian Newgate Calendar; but she not only inflicts her own ergs upon her innocent victims, but often actually she will sease their cags out of the nexts in order to make room for her own. Nor is that all; she will sometimes puncture the eggs of the owness to prevent their hatching, and thus his glance and movement. He was the movement their hatching, and thus his glance and movement. He was the handsomest man of the handsomest assembled to prevent the claws.

If you have the only crime of the covalidation to churches and to put her into the avian Newgate Calendar; but she not only inflicts her own eggs upon her innocent victims, but often actually she will sometimes puncture the eggs of the owness to prevent their hatching, and that all; she will sometimes puncture the eggs of the owness to prevent their hatching, and that all; she will sometime to the avian Newgate Calendar; but she not only inflicts her own eggs upon her innocent victims, but often actually what have the continued with trace of the Christian shourches. Not a few data and one of the missions was made and became manifest in a decline in the membership fait, and a falling off in the membership fait,

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